

Child
not happy
in school
flour.
and I
said it
for
for

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1901

The House of Education,
Ambleside.

Miss Mason to
W. Thomas
on 14.11.15

Shy friend
not making one
like to kill
but
not
not

Dear Sir

Miss Mason is very
glad for you to have any
information about the
Native Dances that we
can give.

~~The desire~~ ~~me to say in~~
answer to your questions, -
for 20 lines

1. The students enter at 18,
not younger, from that
we have them up to about
35. The books sent - ^{an} happen

to be those of rather older
 students (average age about
 27) but it is only just
 happened so: we get quite
 as good work from younger
 students.

2. Of the 3 books sent. Miss
 Lees had studied painting
 before she came to us but
 neither Miss Parry or
 Miss Drury had ever
painted before. ~~Miss Lees~~
~~may be supposed to have~~
 come from training. These
 three students had

here January 1901. ~~Miss~~
~~Books sent~~. Each student
 fills about 4 books which
 in her 2nd year ~~year~~
~~she is here~~ & one is sent up
 for examination. The ~~three~~
~~sent to you~~ students in
 question choose to send in
 other works than those you
 have.

3. Half-an-hour a week
 is the actual time - ^{only} ~~able~~
 time given for the ~~writing~~
 of the dictation notes & the
 illustration ~~work~~ but
 most students I think give
 a few minutes a day to

The note
 is a very
 good one
 help
 shop
 for 1/2

entering notes of what they
 have seen in that day's
 walk perhaps painting
 some objects (The illustration
 once a student gets into the
 way of it are done in a
 surprising short time).

* The students use what
 paints & brushes they like.
 but ^{should be chosen with care}

Two hours a week are
 given to ^{short hour} studies ^{in water}
 color & charcoal (on artistic &
~~draw the scene from a~~
 quite different lines, we don't consider
~~the paint & brushes here is~~
 Matt. M. work part but.

For these a medium sized
 reasonable brush (about #4)
 + to 1° tubes of color are

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used no doubt the same
do for the Natural Note books.

4.

The Course lasts 2 yr. here -

during the 1st year

^{two}
~~one~~ hour a week Botany

" " " " Natural History

during the Second year

1 hr. Shrub
1 hr. Leaf
1 hr. Root
1 hr. Botany
1 hr. Science

4 terms Botany 2 hr
1 hr. a week

3 terms Biology 1 hr a week

6 terms Nat. 1 hr a week

³ 1 term 1 hr. a week for bot.
² 1 term 1 hr. a week for bot.

1 hr. 1 hr. week Astronomy.

Four days a week a
Natural Walk is taken by the
Natural Note book but the walk
is not a walk

supplies

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they find material for their
nature notes & illustrations.

The Nature deni Mission also
takes 4 phedants for days

*Conkers
with* A week for the walk &
find when the flowers grow.

They take the in various stages -

follow birds - hunt for bog
plants etc etc. ~~just~~ ~~for the~~
occasions (with a visitor)

Nature walks are taken also as well
as other walks.

Project in the

The Practising School Chm

also Rept M. D.

The youngest children (6 yrs.)
partly quite & notable

for trip of flowers & in the
highest class at the time keep
quite good diaries.

used. No doubt the same do
in the Nat. Note Book.

4 During the two yr. here, ~~the~~
The ~~Naturalist~~

Students have the following
lectures

Botany 4 terms 1 hr per week
over 60 d. min

" " { 1 hr per week
" " { 1 hr - study
Botany for U. of P. Exam.

Biology 3 term 1 hr a week

Natural History 6 terms 1 hr a week
or $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. for Report

Geology 1 hr
The ~~part~~ chief part of the
attention study is done out-
of doors. The students have
each day ~~2 hrs~~ $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 hrs for
walking in these walks

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Leftus has set up a
school of her own. We

Miss her as a Naturalist
For course her knowledge
of Nature goes with her
& the present students "Knew
not Joseph" but I think
the Nature work & the
Nature Diaries, my original
idea in founding the
College, keep quite up to
the old level.

Miss Barnett our present
mission is very good.

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a naturalist, will put up
with very little of his holes.

I am delighted to
know of all the good work
you are doing in the cause
of Nature Teaching.

With kindest regards to
you & Mr. Thornley - very
truly yrs.

C. M. Mason

We have a nice certificate
for the students which I shall
send for your signature later.
Miss Hoodman has

FROM THE REV. A. THORNLEY, M.A., F.L.S., F.E.S.

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TELEGRAMS
AND
RAILWAY PARCELS:

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POSTAL ADDRESS:

SOUTH LEVINGTON VICARAGE,
LINCOLN.

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February 27, 1903

Dear Miss Mason.

Yes! I am the man that
delivered the lecture for the P.W.U. at
Derby. lately: and I would gladly deliver
a hundred lectures, if I thought they would
all bring such a kind & interesting letter
from you. I have steadfastly purposed for
some years back to come and look you
up at Amherstide; but work of a very exacting
nature seems to have come home - and I have
very little leisure. I have had no holiday
for two years - as I spend mine in August -
in teaching National School Teachers - Nature
Lect. I have a class of about 30 - in two
lots - and I take each lot for 3 mrs. - lecturing
to them in the morning; and walking them
out in the afternoon. Just now, I have
a Botany Lecture - a Botany Lecture - and an
Entomology lecture every week - and this will
continue until the end of May.

And now I should like to take up the ^{work} ^{12 p2 p2011}
you kindly offer me - if I have time: and I
think I should like to try. I have a month
or thereabouts - unless any lecture &c:- and possibly
I could get through it in that time.
Moreover, & if particularly long I could get some
assistance from my 'chem', Prof. J. W. Carr. of
the Nottingham University College. I must now
tell you how pleased I am with the Nature
Note Book you kindly sent. It shows great
powers of observation, and argues much for the
future of the student. The book work is
most excellent: and the notes are frequently
very pithy. ~~and~~ As to fees, I never think
about that. I want you to kindly lend me the
Note Book over this week, as I should like
to show it to my Biology Class on Sat. They
are school teachers; and I am trying to get
some Nature Teaching established in all the
^{elementary} schools of this County & Lincolnshire. We are
all pretty well. Miss Mackie lives chiefly at
Bournemouth now: and Barbara is in Dresden
finishing her musical education. I should
be glad, if I might be allowed, to see some of the
late Mr. Geldart's criticisms &c. - i.e. his method
of drawing up and fabricating results, so as to have
some kind of consistency in the form of the report.
Mrs. Thornley joins me in kindest regards.
Believe me, Very faithfully Yours,
Alfred Thornley

SOUTH LEVERTON VICARAGE,
LINCOLN.June 11th 1903

Dear Miss Mason.

I am so pleased
that my views ~~fall~~
meet with your appreciation
and please, do just
what you like with
my report. Next year,
when I have more time
I will go into much more
detail, probably giving
each student a little
paper of brief notes on
her work: but this time

SOUTH LEVERTON VICARAGE
LINCOLN

There was scarcely
opportunity.

I know of a very fair
naturalist who has had
a thing occasionally as
a little spare time, who
is in regular practice
naming occasional specimens
and who would scarcely
feel the work of
determining a few extra
ones. his name is the
Rev^d A. Thorneley.

Dear Miss Mason, I
shall be only too glad

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to help ~~to help you~~^{in this work}. as I
am nearly always at it
~~that kind of work~~; it
really cannot make
much difference to me
over a few. more.

And now you have sent
me 10s high fees. I
agreed to have 2 guineas
and not £5 - and I
am sure I don't
deserve so much. I
think next time I
look over the books you
must not give me
any fees. Yours.

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I hope the students will
send me plenty of
specimens to determine.
I can determine - plants -
- animals - insects - shells
- mosses - & large fungi -
but small ones. I can
rarely get determined by
authorities. I will send
off the books on Friday
and they should arrive
on Sat. I enclose
receipt for the £8.

Believe me

Yours Very Sincerely

Alfred Stanley

undelivered please return to

Parents' Union School,

AMBLESIDE,
WESTMORLAND

Book Post.

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W. Thomey

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Mr. Thomey explains what Thomey what the
students do with M. V. Is. says him to
be the Examiner.

1901

First Report from W. Thomey 1903

Attention of diaries.